

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 262132

67

ORIGIN L-03

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 H-02 /016 R

DRAFTED BY L/NEA:JAROHWER:DSC

APPROVED BY L/NEA:JAROHWER

NEA/EGY:GGBROWN(INFO)

H:GKRIZEK

----- 014770

P 052052Z NOV 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY RABAT PRIORITY

UNCLAS STATE 262132

E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: BDIS, CGEN, EGY

SUBJECT: GAO REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

FOR G. NORMAN ANDERSON

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED REQUEST FROM GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE FOR A REPORT IN CONNECTION WITH A CLAIM AGAINST USG FOR DAMAGES ALLEGEDLY INCURRED BY INTERNATIONAL EXPLOSIVE SERVICES, INC. (IES), A WASHINGTON COMPANY, IN PREPARING A BID FOR SUEZ CANAL RECONSTRUCTION WORK IN 1974. IES CLAIM IS NOW IN ITS THIRD ROUND OF CONSIDERATION BY GAO. IES SAYS IT LOST ABOUT DOLS 50,000 PREPARING PROPOSALS FOR CANAL CLEARANCE WORK FOR SUBMISSION TO THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT, WITH WHICH IT FINALLY FAILED TO CONTRACT ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE OF USG INTERFERENCE. THE GAO REJECTED THE CLAIM, FIRST ON GROUNDS THERE WAS NO REQUIREMENT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS IN THIS CASE; SECOND BECAUSE IES'S PROPOSAL TO EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT WAS UNSOLICITED BY USG. IES NOW SAYS USG IN FACT SOLICITED THE BID IT MADE TO EGYPTIANS. IES PRESIDENT SIVER HAGE STATED IN A LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 5, 1975, TO THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL: "YOUR CLAIM THAT WE SUBMITTED AN UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL TO THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT OR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS FALSE. WE HAVE DOCUMENTATION OF PHONE CONTACT TO US BY MR. NORMAN ANDERSON, UNITED

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 262132

STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AT THE REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR

HERMAN EILTS, WITH URGENCY TO WORK OUT AND PRESENT OUR

PROPOSAL REGARDING SUEZ CANAL RE-CONSTRUCTION (MARCH 18, 1974)." GAO HAS REQUESTED WE RESPOND TO THIS CONTENTION.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING STATEMENT, BY PRIORITY CABLE TO ROHWER L/NEA, DECLARING YOUR RECOLLECTION (IF ANY) OF THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION HAGE SAYS IES HAD WITH YOU AND DESCRIBING ANY OTHER COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING SUEZ CANAL RECONSTRUCTION YOU MAY HAVE HAD WITH HAGE OR ANYONE ELSE IN IES. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN WRITING ON THE SUBJECT PLEASE POUCH IT OR LET US KNOW WHERE TO FIND IT. KISSINGER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 NOV 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE262132
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: JAROHWER:DSC
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750384-1020
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751175/aaaacpfv.tel
Line Count: 74
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN L
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 NOV 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06 NOV 2003 by chicheje>; APPROVED <11 FEB 2004 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GAO REQUEST FOR STATEMENT FOR G. NORMAN ANDERSON
TAGS: BDIS, CGEN, EG
To: RABAT
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006